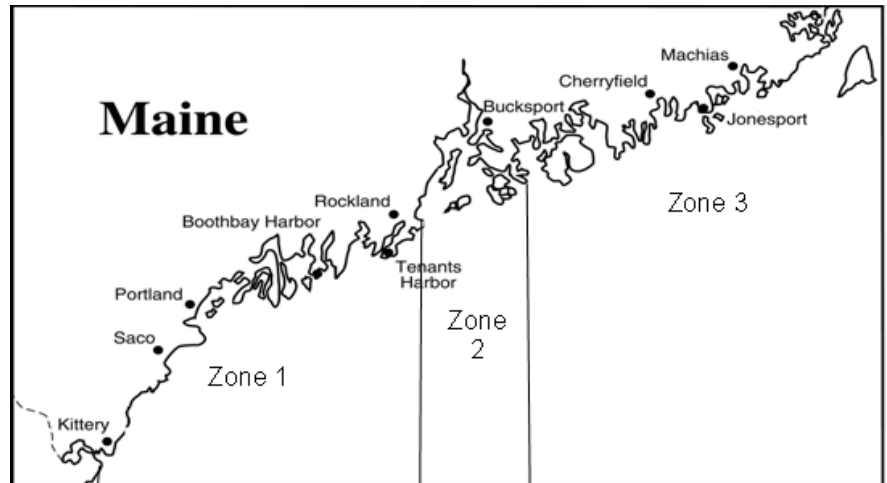
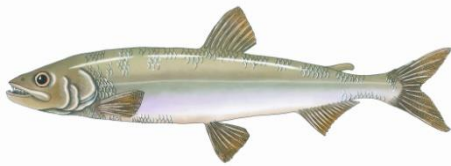


2016 MAINE SEA RUN RAINBOW SMELT REGULATIONS

If you are a recreational saltwater fisherman, a new Maine law may require you to register with the Maine Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry. To learn more or to register visit: www.maine.gov/saltwater or call 207-633-9505.

*The following Maine saltwater recreational fishing regulations are current as of January 1, 2016. **However, they are subject to change.** Please contact our office or your local Marine Patrol Officer with questions. All minimum lengths are total length, **NOT** fork length. The **sale of fish** by recreational anglers is prohibited.*



Zone 1: From the New Hampshire border to Owl's Head in Rockland.

From March 15 to June 30, both days inclusive, it is illegal to fish for or take smelts from the coastal waters of the State.

From July 1 through November 30, both days inclusive, it is legal to fish for smelts in the coastal waters of the State using hook and line with no bag limit.

From December 1 through March 14 both days inclusive, it is legal to fish for smelts in the coastal waters of the State using hook and line with a bag limit of 4 quarts daily.

Zone 2: East of Owl's Head in Rockland to Naskeag Point in Brooklin.

From March 15 to June 30, both days inclusive, it is legal to fish for smelts in the coastal waters of the State using hand dip net or hook and line. During this season the bag limit is 1 quart. No smelt fishing on Tuesday's and Wednesday's.

From July 1 through November 30, both days inclusive, it is legal to fish for smelts in the coastal waters of the State with hook and line without any limit on take.

From December 1 through March 14, both days inclusive, it is legal to fish for smelts in the coastal waters of the State using hook and line with a 4 quart daily bag limit.

Zone 3: East of Naskeag Point to the head of tide on the St. Croix River.

From March 15 through June 30, both days inclusive, it is legal to fish for smelts in the coastal waters of the State using hand dip net or hook and line and the bag limit is 2 quarts. From July 1 through March 14, both days inclusive, there is no bag limit but fishers are limited to hook and line or hand dip net.



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